

FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

Grain and Produce

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Big setback in the price of hogs had a weakening effect yesterday on the corn market. Futures which took place failed to last. The close was heavy, $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 1¢ lower with September $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 1¢ and December $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 1¢. This loss $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 1¢. In provisions the outcome ranged from 2¢ decline to 25¢ advance.

Articles	Open	Close
Corn		
September	1.52	1.52
December	1.25	1.25
Oats		
September	.70	.70
December	.72	.72
Pork		
September	42.50	42.00
October	37.00	36.80

Oil and Gas.

West Virginia Developments.
On Sand Branch, Big Sandy district, Kanawha county, W. Va., the South Penn Oil company has drilled a second test on the W. P. White farm into the Weir sand and showing for a good producer. The gas pressure in No. 1 on this farm is subsiding and the well is showing some oil. It is still drilling. The Guffey-Gelley company has the rig completed for a test on the James F. Brown farm and the Peter Gilman Oil company is drilling a test on the Adam Littlepage farm. In the same district Solly & Staff have the rig completed for a test on the J. M. Bird heirs' farm.

New Work in Lincoln County.
On Elk Fork of Cobbs creek, Washington district, Lincoln county, have started to drill No. 17 on the Standard Fuel company's property, located 1,000 feet southwest of No. 17 on the same lease. On Lake Branch, located in the salt sand development in Car-

roll district, Lincoln county, the Wayland Oil and Gas company has a rig up for No. 8 on the H. E. Lake farm. On Lawrence Branch, the Huntington Oil and Gas company has the rig completed for a second test on the Le Dent farm. On Lake Branch the South Penn Oil company has the rig completed for No. 13 on the Walter Sponagla farm.

In Grant district, Ritchie county, John F. Deem & Co. have the rig completed for a second test on the R. T. & M. J. Gribbon farm. In the same district the Hope Natural Gas company's test on the Boston-Rinehart farm is due in the sand. In Clay district the Chalmers Oil and Gas company has a duster at its No. 8 on the McGinnis heirs' farm.

In the Burning Springs district, Wirt county, G. P. Vance has very light pumps at No. 23 and No. 29 on the William Gibson farm. In the same district, L. E. Shuck & Co.'s second test on the W. H. H. Wheaton farm, which came in a few weeks ago and started with a production of 100 barrels a day, is now down to 10 barrels a day.

Southwest Pennsylvania.
In Morris township, Greene county, the Long, Myers & Co. well on the John Wright lot produced 180 barrels the last 24 hours. In the Pleasant Grove field, East Finley township, Washington county, the Natural Gas company of West Virginia is due in the sand at a test on the John Sample farm.

Local dealers in second-hand oil well material are doing a rushing business. Since the market was advanced 25 cents there are indications of a revival of operations in the oil fields. Operators are averse to buying new high-priced material if they can secure old. At the present time there is a very great scarcity of used material. Producers are not pulling out any wells that produce ever so small amount of oil.

LATE WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—Former Congressman Edward Cooper, of Bramwell, W. Va., whom many politicians regard as "the one best bet" in the, at present, more or less mysterious Republican gubernatorial situation, is a visitor in Washington. To that fact is due the sudden outburst of political gossip, comment, surmise and speculation; the subject being unexpectedly revived after a lapse of considerable time.

Mr. Cooper is not discussing his candidacy—not for publication. His intimate friends and supporters among the Republican leaders here, however, are not so taciturn. Far be it from them to be silent and dumb upon the subject of their favorite's abilities, increasing bright prospects, his advantage from the geographical standpoint, and the clear-cut logic of his candidacy. Upon all those several interesting and important subjects they dilate with eloquence, earnestness and convincing assertion. The former member of Congress is a "comer," possessing all the points, portents and presentiments of a winner, is the way they view it and persuasively explain it.

And from them what may follow in this article has come, and due allowance must, therefore, be made for the probable enthusiastic prejudice of the source. In the first place, the gossip here is that the chances are that the Republican gubernatorial situation as now lined up in the public mind, is upon the eve of undergoing a realignment. The talk is persisted in here that one, and probably two, of the supposed candidates are about to conclude not to push their "preliminary" candidacies further. It need only be stated that neither of the two is Cooper, and, according to his friends who furnished the information, as both are personally friendly to him and kindly disposed toward his candidacy with they, themselves, out of the running, the boom of the ramrattier aspirant to the headship of his party's ticket and to gubernatorial honors and service is about to receive a decided impetus. In fact, they claim, that the foreshadowing of the event has already had that effect.

This means, if it means anything, that the friends of the Mercer county candidate, mean to convey that some sort of a "bandwagon" movement has set in for their choice, that there is shown a tendency from certain quarters heretofore not counted among the Cooper boosters, to concentrate upon him.

Mr. Cooper's visit here has undoubtedly enthused his supporters, and there are signs, vocal and otherwise, of that. They say that he has received encouragement to make the race from all parts of the state, and that wherever he has gone he has met with such a welcome and reception from party men as to make him feel the satisfying assurance that there is a strong, healthy sentiment in the party favorable to his candidacy. Up till the present time, it is stated, he has confined his campaign travels to the southern section of the state, but now he is about to "swing around the circle" which embraces the central and northern counties. The claim is made by the Cooper people that, up-state, the Second Congressional district appears to favor him strongly and, with this as a nucleus, the Cooper adherents regard the chances of building up a stronger and more widespread sentiment for their man in the neighboring congressional subdivisions as many and bright. In fact, they confidently assert that they believe it will be comparatively an easy matter, with the sentiment in the Second remaining as favorable as they now claim that it is, as a matter of fact, they hope it out that it will be even a stronger, healthier and more permanent sentiment here on there than now.

Much of the effort of Mr. Cooper and his advisers up till the present time, it is the talk among the politicians here, has been aimed at clearing up the situation in the Fifth Congressional district, which is the district Mr. Cooper represented two terms in the House of Representatives. Attorney General E. T. England's home is in Logan, which is one of the coun-

ties comprising the Fifth district, and General England is counted as a gubernatorial candidate himself. But, in the event that General England should decide not to make the race for governor and stand as a candidate to succeed himself, the Cooper people say that the field, so far as the Fifth district is concerned, being then clear for the Bramwell man, he would carry it by 10,000 majority in the primary against any outsider. With this ultimate end in view—this ultimate hope—they justify the thorough organizing work that has been done in the Fifth to line up party sentiment to a maximum degree for the Mercer county aspirant.

From Washington, Mr. Cooper will motor to Atlantic City for a few days, before starting the return journey to his home. From there he will start for a trip up state, expecting to make brief visits to Wheeling, Morgantown, Fairmont, Clarksburg, Parkersburg and other important centers. He has already visited Charleston and Huntington and started his friends to work. At the last named city, he delivered a speech at a patriotic celebration, and at Bluefield on Labor Day, he contributed an address to the success of that holiday festival there.

While here, Mr. Cooper called on both Senators Sutherland and Elkins and, it is naturally presumed, that his candidacy was discussed freely, although, of course, no confirmation of that has come from either of the three concerns. He also "paid his respects" to Representatives Bowers, Echols, Reed and Woodard at their offices, and spent some hours mingling with old friends on the House floor and in the Republican cloakrooms. He has been a very busy man since his arrival, and a lot of party men who cut a figure in West Virginia politics have called upon him at his hotel. According to the tenor of the talk among them, the Cooper mission, if such it may be called, to Washington has been quite successful.

Somehow the impression seems to have started and gained ground here that as a result of Mr. Cooper's visit, there is to be more activity in the gubernatorial preparations for the next campaign in West Virginia than there has been at any time up till now.

However, it should be remembered that there has been no change in the line-up yet, from what is has been. The so-called "avowed" candidates to the public mind are: Cooper, England, Darst and Montgomery, with no attempt here made to list the numerous "probabilities" and "prominently mentioned."

It is all right about that alleged million dollars worth of cotton lying in the open at the government powder plant at Nitro, W. Va.

Yep, it is all right. The Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A. today informed Senator Davis Elkins to that effect. He said that the cotton at Nitro is known as "cotton linters" and that storage in the open is looked upon as proper storage for this class of material.

This is just the reverse of the way that the folks in and about Nitro "looked upon" it. They regarded it as a waste and a criminal neglect of valuable government property. Many of them believed that it was evidence of conspiracy to maintain the market price of cotton. There were complaints from them to officials here too numerous to count. Affidavits and photographs by the score were sent in. It has been a matter for bitter criticism for many months.

Senator Elkins went down to the War department to see about it today. And they told him what is stated above. He returned to his office "informed but unlightened," as he expressed it, and proceeded to have all available authorities on "cotton linters" brought to him. The result of his study, he hopes, may clear away his doubts and suspicions.

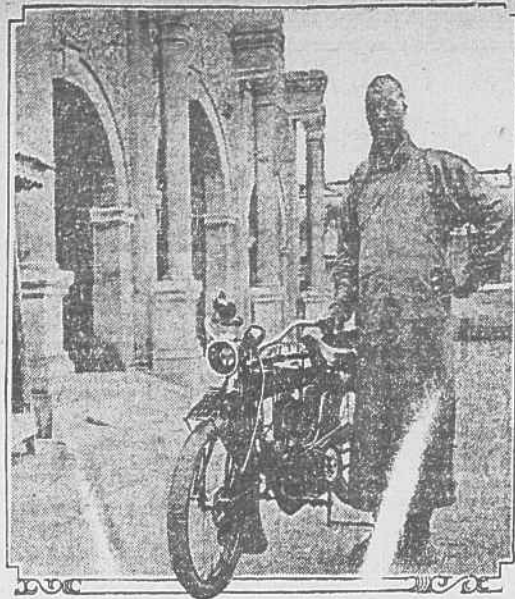
Representative L. S. Echols called at the Postoffice department today to see about having a new star route established between Queen Shoals, Kanawha county, and Ameeo, Roane county.

John B. Hovatter, of St. George, Tucker county, has been appointed a rural mail carrier at that place, effective September 8th.

Commissions (first or presidential class) as postmasters have been issued to Edward P. Borgess, Lumberport; Ethel M. Zimmerman, McMechen, and Worth D. McClung, Richwood.

Due to the intervention of Representative L. S. Echols, the Postoffice,

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Even sleepy old China has found it necessary to establish a motorcycle squad to protect its citizens from the automobile speed-burner. Here is an august "strong-arm Celestial officer standing beside his trusty gasoline steed at the entrance to Pekin's most prominent park. To those who exceed the speed limit he addresses just one word: "Hoose-gow!"

department has rescinded its order discontinuing the postoffice known as Chesapeake, located in Kanawha county.

A bill has been passed on favorably by the pension committee of the House of Representatives, which aims to give pensions to veterans of the Spanish-American war whether they received injuries in that war or since. As it is now, only those who sustained injuries in the war, and can establish proof of it, are granted pensions.

Anxious to get soldiers of the late war, all Parkersburgers, admitted to vocational schools for soldiers, Senator Sutherland, at the request of the War Welfare committee of the Parkersburg Lodge of Elks, has personally taken charge of the matter with the officials at the War department, and expects to expedite the business to a successful conclusion before many days pass by.

Col. George E. Wallace, of Huntington, is a prominent visitor in the city. He had been at Boston attending a meeting of the National Bar Association.

TRIUNE

Luther Fletcher, Marmer Johnson and William Keener who works at Morgantown were all visiting home Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Smyth was visiting her daughter Mrs. Russell Finch Saturday and Sunday.

Lloyd Shuman and Lee Barnhouse went to look at a farm last Sunday. Willie Phillips who has spent the past several days with his sister Mrs. Lina Johnson went back to Grafton last Sunday.

Mrs. Chloe Shuman and two children and Mrs. S. K. Poe and children were calling on Mrs. Luther Fletcher one evening last week.

SPECIAL NOTICES

My wife, Ethel V. Morley, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, the public is hereby notified not to harbor her, as I will not pay any debts or bills she may contract.

CHARLES G. MORLEY, Fairmont, R. D. 3, Sept. 5, 1919.

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